

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:**

Claims 1, 4-11 and 13 are pending in this application.

**CLAIMS 1, 8, & 10 / 35 USC 102(e)**

Claims 1, 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,308,831 to Saxe et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

U.S. Patent No. 6,308,831 to Saxe et al. (the '831 patent) discloses a container and kit for protection and display of collectible items. The Examiner indicates that the '831 patent discloses a "transparent top section (14) having an integral cavity (16) defined therein and a receiving channel (28) having at least one post receptacle (42)/keyway, a transparent bottom section (12) having an integral cavity defined therein and a mating shoulder (66)." Respectfully, it appears that the top section is not 14 but 12 as noted in Figure 1. The mating channel 28 of the '831 patent is defined by the base 14 not the "top section" as claimed and the post receptacle is part of the base 14 not the top section.

In contra distinction, claim 1 as amended, claims an encasement system having a transparent top section having an integral cavity defined therein and a receiving channel having a keyway and a bottom section having an integral cavity defined therein and a mating shoulder having a key. Applicant respectfully argues that Saxe et al. does not disclose, teach, suggest or anticipate the present invention of claim 1, as amended. Viewing Figure 1, the lid 12 does not disclose a transparent top section having an integral cavity defined therein and a receiving channel having a keyway. The lid 12 includes a lid lip 66 and a mating channel 28 but expressly fails to disclose a receiving channel having a key way.

Saxe et al. also does not disclose a bottom section having an integral cavity defined therein and a mating shoulder having a key. Base 14 does not disclose a key that mates within any portion of lid 12 as claimed by the present invention. Nowhere does Saxe et al. disclose, teach or even suggest the use of a key or key way used on the receiving channel and mating shoulder. Further, the '831 reference fails to disclose the snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section wherein the receiving channel and mating shoulder when said mating shoulder is pressed into said receiving channel and said key is press fit into said keyway and the display article is thereby sealed from the outside environment when disposed within said display article cavity. The receiving channel and mating shoulder and key and keyway operate in combination in the claimed invention, which does not appear in the '831 reference. There exist two operations to create a seal in the present invention, the receiving channel and mating shoulder and the key and keyway.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Saxe et al. '101 fails to disclose all of the limitations claimed by applicant in claim 1, as amended. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, and the claims dependant therefrom, over come the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and are allowable over this rejection.

Claims 8 and 10 depend from claim 1. Claim 8 includes the additional limitation of a bottom section being transparent for allowing viewing of both sides of the display article or double display article display and claim 10 includes the additional limitation of the transparent top section and the bottom section are of a sufficient thickness to allow said encasement system when operational to stand alone either in a portrait or landscape orientation.

Saxe et al. does not disclose, teach or anticipate the present invention of claims 8 and 10. Saxe et al does not appear to allow for the container to stand alone, due to it relatively narrow

width. Claims 8 and 10 are allowable over the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for the same reasons stated above for independent claims 1.

**CLAIM 13,/ 35 USC 103(a)**

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,308,831 to Saxe et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

New claim 13 claims a transparent top section having an integral cavity defined therein and a receiving channel having a key; a bottom section having an integral cavity defined therein and a mating shoulder having a keyway; and a snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section such that when said transparent top section and bottom section are connected a display article cavity is formed by said transparent top section integral cavity and bottom section integral cavity wherein the snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section is said receiving channel and mating shoulder when said mating shoulder is pressed into said receiving channel and said key is press fit into said keyway and the display article is thereby sealed from the outside environment when disposed within said display article cavity.

Applicant respectfully argues that Saxe et al. does not disclose, teach, suggest or anticipate the present invention of claim 13. As noted in Figure 1, the lid 12 does not disclose a transparent top section having an integral cavity defined therein and a receiving channel having a key. The lid 12 includes a lid lip 66 and a mating channel 28 but expressly fails to disclose a receiving channel having a key.

Saxe et al. also does not disclose a bottom section having an integral cavity defined therein and a mating shoulder having a keyway. Base 14 does not disclose a keyway that mates within any portion of lid 12 as claimed by the present invention. Nowhere does Saxe et al.

disclose, teach or even suggest the use of a key or keyway used on the receiving channel and mating shoulder. Further, the '831 reference fails to disclose the snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section wherein the receiving channel and mating shoulder when said mating shoulder is pressed into said receiving channel and said key is press fit into said keyway and the display article is thereby sealed from the outside environment when disposed within said display article cavity. The receiving channel and mating shoulder and key and keyway operate in combination in the claimed invention, which does not appear in the '831 reference. There exist two operations to create a seal in the present invention, the receiving channel and mating shoulder and the key and keyway. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn and the claim is allowable over this rejection

**CLAIMS 4-7 & 9 / 35 USC 103(a)**

Claims 4-7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,308,831 to Saxe et al in view of US Patent No. 4,183,169 to Broderson. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claims 4-7 and 9 depend from claim 1 and necessarily include all the limitations of claim 1. The above arguments noted for claim 1 are herein reiterated and incorporated by reference. Claim 4 includes the additional limitation of the transparent top section and bottom section being made from an acrylic substrate. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 1 and includes the additional limitation of the transparent top section and bottom section being made from an ultraviolet protectant acrylic substrate capable of filtering at least 90% of ultraviolet light. There is nothing to teach or suggest that the Saxe et al and Broderson patents should be combined. Even if so combined, the combination does not reach the claimed invention. An

ultraviolet protectant acrylic substrate capable of filtering at least 90% of ultraviolet light is not disclosed in either reference. In addition, nowhere does Saxe et al. or Broderson disclose, teach or even suggest the use of a key or key way used on the receiving channel and mating shoulder. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) be withdrawn and the claims are allowable over this rejection.

Claim 6 includes the additional limitation of the silicone seal disposed between said transparent top section and said bottom section for further sealing said display article cavity from the environment. Claim 7 includes the additional limitation of the ultraviolet adhesive disposed between the transparent top section and the bottom section for permanently sealing the display article cavity from the environment. It is reiterated that there is nothing to teach or suggest that the Saxe et al and Broderson patents should be combined. Even if so combined, the combination does not reach the claimed invention. An ultraviolet adhesive is not disclosed in either reference. In addition, nowhere does Saxe et al. or Broderson disclose, teach or even suggest the use of a key or key way used on the receiving channel and mating shoulder. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) be withdrawn and the claims are allowable over this rejection.

Claim 9 depends from claim 5 which depends from claim 1 and includes the additional limitation of an ultraviolet adhesive disposed between the transparent top section and the bottom section for permanently sealing said display article cavity from the environment. Neither reference teaches or suggests the use of a ultraviolet adhesive disposed between the transparent top section and the bottom section for permanently sealing said display article cavity from the environment. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections to claims 4-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn and the claims are allowable over these rejections.

**CLAIM 11/ 35 USC 103(a)**

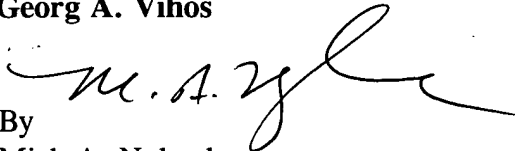
Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,308,831 to Saxe et al in view of Broderson and USPN 1,031,727 to Mussbeck. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 11 depends from claim 9 and further includes the limitation of a inert gas sealed within the display article cavity. Applicant reiterates the reasons stated above with respect to claim 5 and 1. Applicant argues that there is nothing to teach or suggest that the Saxe et al, Broderson and Mussbeck patents should be combined. Even if so combined, the combination does not reach the claimed invention for the reasons stated above. It is respectfully requested that the rejection to claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn and the claim is allowable over this rejection

If applicant can be of any further assistance or provide any other information in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 810-606-8564.

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